

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Claims 6-15 and 20-30 are pending. The amendments are fully supported by the original disclosure and, thus, no new matter is added by their entry. The amendment of claim 10 corrects a typographical error and antecedent basis.

The Examiner is requested to consider the detailed arguments in the Response filed January 30, 2009 in light of the amendment of the claims (i.e., clarifying that the other soluble cell material has a molecular weight smaller than 50 kDa).

Having fully responded to the pending Office Action, Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit an early Notice to that effect. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any further information is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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